

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-41 (canceled).

Claim 42 (currently amended): A decorative sheet comprising:
a base member having first and second principal surfaces opposed to each other;
a decoration layer provided on the first principal surface of the base member and having a pattern area representing a predetermined pattern; and
a spread suppressing member provided at a location corresponding to the pattern area on the side of the first principal surface or on the side of the second principal surface of the base member, for suppressing the spreading of the pattern area of the decoration layer; wherein
the spread suppressing member is arranged so as to overlap only a portion of the base member.

Claim 43 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 42, wherein the base member is made of a resin material.

Claim 44 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 43, wherein the resin material is a thermoplastic resin material.

Claim 45 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 42, wherein the spread suppressing member has a higher coefficient of thermal conductivity than a coefficient of thermal conductivity of the base member.

Claim 46 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 42, wherein the spread suppressing member is made of a material including one of a metal and a metal compound.

Claim 47 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 42, wherein the spread suppressing member is made of metal.

Claim 48 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 42, wherein the base member is made of a resin material, and the spread suppressing member is made of a material including one of a metal and a metal compound.

Claim 49 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 42, wherein the base member is made of a resin material, and the spread suppressing member is made of metal.

Claim 50 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 42, wherein a coefficient of thermal conductivity of the spread suppressing member is at least about 10 W/m·K.

Claim 51 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 42, wherein a thickness of the spread suppressing member is in a range of about 5 μm to about 100 μm .

Claim 52 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 42, wherein the spread suppressing member includes a first portion that overlaps the pattern area.

Claim 53 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 52, wherein the spread suppressing member includes a second portion arranged along an outer

circumference of the first portion.

Claim 54 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 53, wherein a width of the second portion of the spread suppressing member is in a range of about 1 mm to about 10 mm.

Claim 55 (previously presented): The decorative sheet of claim 53, wherein a width of the second portion of the spread suppressing member is in a range of about 2 mm to about 8 mm.

Claim 56 (previously presented): A molded article comprising a molded article body and the decorative sheet of claim 42 which is joined to a surface of the molded article body.

Claim 57 (currently amended): A molded article comprising:
a molded article body; and
a sheet joined to a surface of the molded article body; wherein
the sheet includes a base member and a decoration layer provided on a surface of the base member on the side of the molded article body;
the decoration layer includes a pattern area representing a predetermined pattern; and
a portion of the sheet corresponding to the pattern area has a thickness which is in a range of about 1.1 times to about 1.8 times a thickness of remaining portions of the sheet; and
a spread suppressing member provided at a location corresponding to the pattern area on the side of the first principal surface or on the side of the second principal surface of the base member, for suppressing the spreading of the pattern area of the decoration layer; wherein
the spread suppressing member is arranged so as to overlap only a portion of

the base member.

Claim 58 (previously presented): The molded article of claim 57, wherein the portion of the sheet corresponding to the pattern area has a thickness which is in a range of about 1.2 times to about 1.6 times the thickness of the remaining portions of the sheet.

Claim 59 (previously presented): A motor vehicle comprising the molded article of claim 56.

Claims 60-89 (canceled).